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Timely Tidbits ...

Mayor To Give "State of the City" Address

Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert will give his annual "State of the City" address at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's next luncheon, to be held at the Crowne Plaza (8000 Merriman) on Tuesday, January 16, at noon. (Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.)

Cost is \$15 for members; \$18 for nonmembers.

If you would like to attend this event, which is open to the public, RSVP no later than Friday, January 12, by calling the Chamber at 734-893-0694.

"Pay It Forward" at King Celebration

Everyone is welcome to take part in the Romulus community's annual celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 15.

The event – sponsored by the Romulus Community Schools, Romulus Ministerial Alliance, and City of Romulus – will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with a Unity March along Wayne Road from Cory Elementary to Romulus High School, where breakfast will be served in the cafeteria.

Afterward, at 10:30 a.m., a group of religious leaders, government representatives, school officials, students, and others will join together to present a special commemorative program in the RHS auditorium.

New this year – in keeping with the 2007 theme of "Living Out the Dream ... Pass It On" – will be an opportunity to take part in "The Giving Game" to promote the real-life application of Dr. King's philosophy of community service. In essence, the game involves doing a good deed for someone, then asking that person to do the same for someone else ... much like in the movie, *Pay It Forward*.

For more information, please contact Reverend Arthur C. Willis (734-728-1280), Thomas Dolan (734-532-1642), or Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg (734-955-4506).

District Retires Jerseys of Alumni NBA Greats



Romulus Community Schools Athletic Director Mark Woodson (third from right) honored Romulus High School alumni/NBA stars John Long (left), Grant Long (third from left), and Terry Mills (right) during a halftime ceremony at the Romulus Winners Circle Holiday Basketball Tournament on December 30, 2006. Also taking part in the program were the players' former RHS basketball coaches, Jesse Meriweather (second from left) and Al Wilkerson.

Romulus High School recently celebrated the long and proud history of its basketball program with a special ceremony honoring three alumni who went on to become stars in the National Basketball Association. The players – John Long, Grant Long, and Terry Mills – were presented with their retired jerseys by Romulus Community Schools Athletic Director Mark Woodson and former RHS basketball coaches Jesse Meriweather (who coached John Long) and Al Wilkerson (who coached the others).

"Romulus is one of only a handful of high schools in the United States that has had three alumni play in the NBA at the same time," noted district spokesperson Dick Kruse. "The entire Romulus community can be proud of these three gentlemen and their distinguished basketball careers. They have brought much acclaim and honor to Romulus, and also set high standards for future generations to match."

John Long, who wore #50 during his four-year varsity career at RHS, graduated in 1974. In his senior year, he was selected to the All-State team, and

was a fourth-team All-American selection. At the University of Detroit, the 6'5" shooting guard led the Titans to two National Collegiate Athletic Association post-season tournament appearances.

John Long was selected in the second round of the 1978 NBA Draft by the Detroit Pistons, and was a member of the 1989 World Champion Pistons team. He also played for the Indiana Pacers, the Atlanta Hawks, and the Toronto Raptors before retiring.

Grant Long, #32, was a 1984 RHS graduate who played three years for the Eagles and led them to a district championship in 1984. He also earned All-League and All-State honors in both of his final two seasons. At Eastern Michigan University, Long helped the then-Hurons earn an NCAA berth in 1988. He was honored with the Mid-American Conference's Most Valuable Player Award in 1988, and also received numerous All-American designations.

Grant Long was selected by Miami in the second round of the 1988 NBA Draft. During his time with the Heat, the 6'9" power forward was elected captain

and earned a reputation as an aggressive defensive specialist with strong rebounding skills. Other teams for which he played before his retirement were the Hawks and Pistons as well as the Vancouver and Memphis Grizzlies and the Boston Celtics.

Terry Mills, #52, was a 1986 RHS graduate who was a three-time All-State selection during his four-year varsity career. As a senior, he led the Eagles to the 1986 Michigan High School Athletic Association Class "A" Championship, and was named Michigan's "Mr. Basketball" for 1986. He was also a first-team All-American selection and was named as co-national Player of the Year. At the University of Michigan, Mills helped his team win the 1989 NCAA championship. His scoring, rebounding, and unselfish play were great assets to the Wolverines during his four-year career.

Mills was drafted in the first round of the 1990 NBA Draft by the Milwaukee Bucks. The 6'10" power forward, known for his 3-point shooting expertise, played for the Denver Nuggets, New Jersey Nets, Pistons, Heat, and Pacers. □

Guest Commentary

A Look Ahead at the 110th Congress

By US Senator Carl Levin

As we begin the New Year, I want to take this opportunity to share with you some thoughts about the past year and to look ahead to the new Congress. If we roll up our sleeves and are prepared to reach across party lines, we have the opportunity in the 110th Congress to make progress on many of the nation's most pressing priorities, including changing course in Iraq, addressing urgent needs here at home, and restoring fiscal discipline.

As the new chairman of the Armed Services Committee, I will continue to work to strengthen our nation's defenses, focus on the threat from terrorism, and support our troops. Our first priority must be changing the course in Iraq. In the recent election, the message came dramatically from the American people that we need to find a new way forward. Democrats and a growing number of Republicans believe we should begin a phased redeployment of U.S. troops in the next four to six months to make clear to the Iraqis that our military presence is not open-ended and that their future is in their hands, not ours.

At the top of the domestic agenda this year must be stopping the hemorrhaging of manufacturing jobs from the United States. We have lost 2.9 million manufacturing jobs nationwide since 2001 – including 200,000 in Michigan – and the Administration has not taken serious action. To create and retain manufacturing jobs, we need to address other countries' restrictions on access to our exports; unfair currency manipulation by other countries, which in effect subsidizes their products while making American products more expensive; and the skyrocketing trade deficits we have with many of our trading partners. For the longer term, America needs a new energy policy that includes moving away

from petroleum and toward alternative fuels. We need a comprehensive initiative to produce a large number of vehicles that can run on alternative fuels such as ethanol and hydrogen and to create new, leap-ahead technologies that will boost our manufacturing industry while protecting the environment and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

Another high priority this year must be improving the Medicare prescription drug benefit by closing the "doughnut hole" coverage gap, making it easier for generic equivalents to get to market, and allowing the government to negotiate for lower drug prices. We also need to make a new attempt to fund embryonic stem cell research, which President Bush blocked last year with the first and only veto of his presidency. Additionally, we need to reduce interest rates on college loans, keep the promise of the No Child Left Behind Act by finally providing the necessary funding, and give the lowest wage workers a raise by increasing the minimum wage for the first time in a decade.

As the new chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, my personal priorities in the next Congress will include taking action against offshore tax havens, which give tax dodgers a way to avoid their tax bills and leave them for others to pay, and against abusive practices by credit card companies. And as co-chairman of the Great Lakes Task Force, I will continue to fight for the restoration and protection of the Great Lakes, and will work to implement many of the recommendations of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration.

Underlying every debate in the next Congress will be two crucial issues left over from this session – the enormous federal debt and the need for serious ethics reform. The federal debt has reached an astounding \$8.6 trillion – or more than \$28,000 per person – and is getting worse fast. In the coming Congress, we should restore the "pay-as-you-go" rules that require new spending increases and tax cuts be offset elsewhere in the budget. One of the biggest disappointments of the last Congress was the failure to pass an ethics reform package. Passing real ethics reform would be a good way to show the American people that the 110th Congress is off to a fresh start.

The recent election made clear that the American people are tired of partisan bickering and want a Congress that will address the nation's problems. If both parties are willing to heed that message, the next two years can usher in a new era of congressional accomplishment.

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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Thursday, December 7, through Sunday, December 31.

Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.

Thursday, December 7

- 12:46 a.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 38500 Beverly)
- 9:20 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 37300 Wick)
- 3:06 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 31700 Augusta Dr.)
- 3:09 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 16200 Hillsbriar)
- 5:14 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15800 Knurlwoode)
- 7:36 p.m. – Threats (block of 38100 Ecorse)
- 7:39 p.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 15100 Huron River Dr.)
- 9:19 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:35 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 27400 Ecorse)

Friday, December 8

- 11:14 a.m. – Property Damage/Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:57 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 7050 Canyon)
- 1:56 p.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular (block of 16600 Brandt)
- 4:04 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:14 p.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular (block of 6610 Gloria)
- 4:22 p.m. – Missing Person (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:43 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 9760 Lisa)
- 4:51 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 8910 Middlebelt)
- 5:13 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35700 Smith)
- 6:12 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6020 Dexter)
- 9:07 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 6970 Niagara)
- 9:56 p.m. – Threats (block of 27700 Pennsylvania)
- 10:48 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6940 Homefield)
- 11:26 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 15300 Meadow)

Saturday, December 9

- 12:12 a.m. – OUIL (block of 11100 I-275 N.)

- 12:53 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 5900 Georgia)
- 2:09 a.m. – Fight (block of 9550 Middlebelt)
- 10:20 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 6800 Arlene Ct.)
- 11:07 a.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular (block of 16600 Brandt)
- 11:09 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 5840 Metro)
- 3:08 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6930 Carson)
- 3:18 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 8:24 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9460 Lisa)
- 9:46 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 15000 Hillway)

Sunday, December 10

- 12:47 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9450 Biddle)
- 4:30 a.m. – Threats (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 7:41 a.m. – UDAA (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 11:17 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9200 Middlebelt)
- 12:34 p.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular (block of 35300 Vinewood)
- 2:54 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 33200 Ecorse)
- 3:32 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6080 Second)
- 6:13 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9300 Wayne)
- 6:53 p.m. – Threats (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 7:02 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 8120 Cogswell)
- 11:33 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9350 Washington)

Monday, December 11

- 5:39 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 7070 Niagara)
- 6:59 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 36700 Northline)
- 8:38 a.m. – Larceny (block of 29000 Airport Dr.)
- 11:57 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 16400 Harrison)
- 11:58 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6080 Second)
- 11:59 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8760 Whitehorn)
- 12:11 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6870 Middlebelt)
- 3:52 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 28400 Greenvew)
- 4:14 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:44 p.m. – Larceny (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 4:46 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 9960 Wayne)

- 5:05 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 8:08 p.m. – OUIL (block of 31400 Beverly)
- 8:27 p.m. – Threats (block of 39100 Clocktower Dr.)
- 10:01 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15700 Harrison)
- 10:33 p.m. – Larceny (block of 5820 Metro)
- 11:14 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 8610 Whitehorn)
- 11:44 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15300 Meadow)

Tuesday, December 12

- 1:48 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 8:00 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35600 Smith)
- 10:54 a.m. – Larceny (block of 38500 Superior)
- 12:28 p.m. – UDAA (block of 38700 Houston)
- 12:30 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:34 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)

Wednesday, December 13

- 1:30 a.m. – UDAA (block of 15100 Meadow)
- 7:39 a.m. – K-9 Officers Call/Investigation (block of 9320 Harrison)
- 9:04 a.m. – JC/R (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 11:00 a.m. – JC/R (block of 11100 Shook)
- 11:08 a.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:33 p.m. – Bad Check (block of 11200 Airport Center Dr.)
- 1:08 p.m. – UDAA (block of 15300 Oakwood Dr.)
- 2:52 p.m. – Larceny (block of 37300 Wick)
- 3:51 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35400 Beverly)
- 8:16 p.m. – JC/R (block of 11200 Wahrman)

Thursday, December 14

- 12:43 a.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 36800 Goddard)
- 12:49 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6150 Inkster)
- 1:54 a.m. – Larceny (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 7:58 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6850 Merriman)
- 8:15 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 12:14 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 11200 Gabriel)
- 1:22 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28300 Sequoia)

- 1:43 p.m. – Pursuit (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 4:24 p.m. – Pursuit (block of 11200 Shook)
- 5:36 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 15400 Inkster)
- 5:47 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 6:20 p.m. – Fight (block of 30400 Ecorse)
- 6:48 p.m. – UDAA (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:29 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 8:52 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 9:03 p.m. – UDAA (block of 16400 Eastwind)
- 10:30 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 16700 Braeburn Dr.)

Friday, December 15

- 12:28 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 15500 Collins)
- 2:35 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 7100 Wayne)
- 2:47 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 16300 Ironstone)
- 6:41 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28600 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 7:14 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 31800 Augusta Dr.)
- 7:44 a.m. – UDAA (block of 30400 Ecorse)
- 8:06 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6740 Merriman)
- 8:20 a.m. – Larceny (block of 16700 Aberdeen Dr.)
- 9:08 a.m. – Health & Safety (block of 6470 Washington)
- 10:53 a.m. – Larceny (block of 31500 Wick)
- 12:32 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 27400 I-94 W.)
- 12:49 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6530 Middlebelt)
- 1:31 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:35 p.m. – Larceny (block of 29100 Ecorse)
- 3:21 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28600 Hildebrandt)
- 6:56 p.m. – OUIL (block of 34400 Eureka)
- 7:26 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 8:42 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15200 Merriman)
- 9:45 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9450 Biddle)
- 10:41 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 34700 Julie)
- 11:06 p.m. – JC/R (block of 32100 Newcastle)

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Saturday, December 16

- 2:54 a.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:14 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35000 Beverly)
- 10:03 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:08 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6870 Middlebelt)
- 10:22 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 12000 Wahrman)
- 3:39 p.m. – Fight (block of 16300 Cork Tree)
- 3:41 p.m. – Threats (block of 34500 Stewart)
- 11:08 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 15600 Hannan)
- 11:37 p.m. – OUIL (block of 9200 Wayne)
- 11:56 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 14200 Five M Center Dr.)

Sunday, December 17

- 1:39 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 29400 Van Born)
- 7:15 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6500 Cogswell)
- 10:00 a.m. – JC/R (block of 35900 Vinewood)
- 10:13 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28900 Goddard)
- 10:57 a.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:20 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 35600 Vinewood)
- 12:10 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 35600 Vinewood)
- 5:45 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 6040 W. Maple)
- 7:44 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15400 Anthony)
- 11:26 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Brandt)

Monday, December 18

- 12:02 a.m. – UDAA (block of 8650 Whitehorn)
- 12:10 a.m. – Larceny (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 1:01 a.m. – Larceny (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 3:15 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 31800 Wick)

- 8:15 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6770 Metroplex)
- 10:15 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 6100 E. Alexander)
- 10:21 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 6180 Tyndall)
- 12:35 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 30400 Ecorse)
- 3:37 p.m. – Dumping/Littering (block of 27400 Beverly)
- 5:01 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:31 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:22 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 33100 Annapolis)
- 11:37 p.m. – Larceny (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 11:49 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 14400 Huron River Dr.)

Tuesday, December 19

- 1:40 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 2:11 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5810 Cogswell)
- 3:05 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 39000 Wyoming)
- 6:45 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 39100 Cherokee)
- 7:04 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28800 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 11:25 a.m. – Bad Check (block of 38400 Huron River Dr.)
- 1:36 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9780 Lisa)
- 5:02 p.m. – Larceny (block of 34700 Wick)
- 8:38 p.m. – OUIL (block of 27400 I-94 W.)
- 9:06 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 39100 Cherokee)

Wednesday, December 20

- 6:50 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 6680 Brandt)
- 12:01 p.m. – Threats (block of 9730 Marc)
- 1:05 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7080 Shawnee)
- 3:33 p.m. – Mutual Aid Response (block of 29400 Van Born)
- 5:19 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)

- 9:19 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35600 Margaret)

Thursday, December 21

- 4:27 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9000 Wickham)
- 12:09 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 6730 Cypress)
- 12:48 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35400 Grant)
- 2:35 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 7080 Niagara)
- 3:24 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 6730 Cypress)
- 4:40 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 38800 Tempe)

Friday, December 22

- 12:08 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6870 Niagara)
- 3:40 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6740 Merriman)
- 3:57 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 7070 Middlebelt)
- 1:20 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35900 Bibbins)
- 1:21 p.m. – UDAA (block of 6010 Second)
- 5:58 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 16300 Dodge)
- 6:09 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:10 p.m. – Well-being Check (block of 36500 Bibbins)
- 8:17 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:55 p.m. – OUIL (block of 30900 I-94 W.)

Saturday, December 23

- 1:10 a.m. – OUIL (block of 28400 Leroy)
- 8:41 a.m. – Missing Person (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:57 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 35900 Bibbins)
- 4:17 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:55 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 6080 Second)
- 7:21 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 29000 Cullen Dr.)
- 7:49 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28000 Riverbridge)

Sunday, December 24

- 1:17 a.m. – JC/R (block of 6600 Washington)
- 2:27 a.m. – JC/R (block of 36900 Goddard)
- 9:57 a.m. – Hunting Complaint (block of 15700 Merriman)
- 11:55 a.m. – Threats (block of 8280 Wayne)
- 12:13 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 28800 Sedgeway Dr.)

Monday, December 25

- 4:31 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 11:45 a.m. – Well-being Check (block of 10100 Diane)
- 1:28 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 15000 Woodmont Ct.)
- 2:19 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 34800 Michele)

- 4:38 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)

Tuesday, December 26

- 8:30 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9670 Harrison)
- 8:36 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 11:18 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6060 Metro)
- 12:36 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:42 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 6730 Cypress)
- 1:48 p.m. – Bad Check (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 1:51 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30600 Cypress)
- 3:23 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6700 Brandt)
- 6:01 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 30500 Leroy)
- 7:42 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 15400 Taft)
- 9:17 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5930 Colorado)

Wednesday, December 27

- 8:19 a.m. – Bad Check (block of 30200 Cypress)
- 8:48 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 7660 Merriman)
- 10:40 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 9300 Essex)
- 11:29 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 15800 Huron River Dr.)
- 12:06 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 6080 Second)
- 1:22 p.m. – 9-1-1 Cellular (block of 14500 Inkster)
- 4:00 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:13 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30700 Beverly)
- 4:27 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6020 Airborne)
- 7:56 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6170 Cordell)
- 9:04 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7680 Merriman)
- 9:47 p.m. – Family Trouble (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:59 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 16100 Oak Tree)
- 11:34 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28500 Wick)
- 11:54 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8500 Wickham)

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- 12:02 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 10100 Diane)
- 11:11 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 11:20 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:49 p.m. – OUIL (block of 11000 Wayne)
- 5:18 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:04 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 39200 Montana)

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Basham Assigned to Committees on Transportation, Environment, Seniors

Michigan Senate officials have announced that Senator Raymond E. Basham (D-Taylor) has been named to a number of committees, including Local, Urban & State Affairs; Transportation; Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs (for which he will serve as vice-chairman); and Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs. Basham has previously served on all but the last of the committees listed.

"These assignments will allow me to use my experience to help improve our community," said Basham. "The new committee I will be serving on is also of extreme importance right now, with so many Baby Boomers becoming

seniors and the Iraq war making veterans affairs a very current concern."

Basham said that his work on the Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Committee is an extension of his personal dedication to those issues in the Downriver community. He believes that his crusade against industrial polluters and his efforts to secure state and federal grants for area environmental projects have helped protect the river and surrounding environment that defines the region.

He added that Transportation and Local, Urban & State Affairs also greatly affect the 8th Senate District, as it includes a large portion of metro Detroit.

Climate Disruption Priority for Basham

State Senator Raymond E. Basham (D-Taylor) recently announced that he and other state legislators attending the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL) Fifth Annual Midwest/Great Lakes Forum agreed that climate disruption is an urgent issue that they will address as their state legislatures convene this year.

Over 40 Democrat and Republican NCEL participants from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin met December 7-9, 2006, to examine environment and energy issues and policy options.

"The studies are done and the facts are in," said Basham. "Now, the Michigan Legislature needs to do its part, and take action to prevent further climate disruption in our state and region."

NCEL participants heard from experts on how best to address issues such as promoting renewable energy, increasing support for public transportation, managing electronic waste, cleaning up coal-fired power plants, and regulating toxic chemicals. But, climate disruption was the issue that all states identified as a major concern.

"The states see a lack of urgency on the part of the federal government, so they are taking the lead to address some of this country's most pressing environmental and energy problems," said Pan Godchaux, a former Republican Michigan State Representative who also coordinates the NCEL Midwest project. "And, one problem they know they have to work on together is climate disruption."

The legislators identified options that they will pursue to lessen the impact of climate disruption on the region. Those options include: conducting energy audits and retrofitting existing state buildings to increase energy efficiency; examining a carbon cap and trade system for the region; forming a regional greenhouse gas registry; holding forums and public hearings on global warming; enacting legislation to limit greenhouse gas emissions industry wide; adopting stricter auto emissions standards; creating climate commissions to examine impacts and solutions to climate disruption; encouraging carbon sequestration; and increasing the use of renewable energy. □

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Students, Parents Show Giving Spirit

Romulus Community Schools spokesperson Dick Kruse expressed great pride in the community's efforts to make less-fortunate neighbors' holidays a little brighter.

"District students, parents, and staff members, as well as local businesses and residents, once again, showed great generosity during the recent holidays," he said. "This wonderful seasonal spirit is one of the things that makes Romulus such a special place."

The many community-service projects that were organized included fund-raisers and drives for clothing and food. (See page 7 for photos of a few of these projects.)

Kruse noted that most of the donations that were gathered during the holidays were given to the Helping Hand of Romulus or the Romulus Goodfellows. Exceptions included Halecreek Elementary School's coin drive, which benefited Children's Hospital. □

Korean Broadcasters Visit Romulus Elementary School

Romulus Elementary staff and students recently welcomed two members of the Korean Educational Broadcasting Service to their school. The special guests were preparing a program on the values and virtues of the "Learning to Give" program that has been emphasized by the Romulus Community Schools for a number of years.

"The Korean Educational Broadcasting Service is the Korean equivalent of the U.S. Public Broadcasting Service," explained Dick Kruse, RCS spokesperson.

Kruse said that program coordinator Mark Han and producer Jong Hwa Ham were both impressed by the sincerity and dedication shown by the Romulus Elementary students whom they interviewed for their program.

"We can tell that giving has developed into an important part of the psyche of these students," said Han. "They each let us know that they get a really

good feeling from working on charity projects and then donating goods/services to people in need."

Hwa Ham noted, "In Korea, our program will be the first step in implementing your 'Learning to Give' program. We are hoping that the children in our country will become as receptive to the concept of philanthropy as your children in Romulus are."

Kari Pardoe, Michigan coordinator of the new LEAGUE giving program, recommended Romulus Elementary to the Korean broadcasters. Pardoe had previously visited RES for a ceremony celebrating the donation of 1,989 cans of food to needy families for Thanksgiving.

"The LEAGUE program - formerly known as 'Learning to Give' - is the new format for philanthropy in Michigan's schools this year," said Kruse. "It encourages schools and classes to compete on various projects throughout the school year." □

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Korean Educational Broadcasting Service executives Mark Han and Jong Hwa Ham (back, left and second from left) interviewed Romulus Elementary students like (front, from left) Morgan Anderson, Lyric Keeton, Brianna Brockman, and Deshaun Keys about their feelings on giving to others. Also pictured are (back, from left) first-grade teacher Shawn Dickson, principal Marjie McAnally, and state LEAGUE coordinator Carrie Pardoe.

The Spirit of Giving



Romulus firefighters Andrew McNeil (left), Tim Rhoton (second from left), and Scott Ladach (second from right) were on hand to accept over 2,300 gifts and cans of food that Romulus Middle School leadership students, under teacher Betty Santo (fifth from left), donated to the Romulus Goodfellows. Students who participated included: (from left) Carmen Plank, Tara Radford, Cierra Baxter, Diamond Dortch, Ivory Cross, Fatima Sheikh, Vanessa Wilson, Hailie Laginess, Haleigh Baval, Zachary Williams, Eric Radford, Stephanie Andrew, and Benjamin Camilleri.



Pam Thomas (left), customer services administrator for Archway Marketing of Romulus, was pleased to present Wick Elementary principal ShaVonna Johnson with several boxes of coats, hats, scarves, and mittens that Archway employees donated for Wick students in need.



Among those taking part in Wick Elementary's annual Mitten Tree program were first-graders from teacher Julie Forth's class. Proudly showing off some of the items that they gathered for the Helping Hand of Romulus were: (from left) front – Amya Gray, Erin Norman, and Briana Drew; back – Patrick Hall, Marquise Legion, and Camron Marion.



Carrie Young (back, right), director of the Boys & Girls Club site at Wick Elementary, had students (from left) Elekus Lee, Jasmine Ellison, Nickky Smith, Gabrielle Hill, Brittney Burnette, Pavier Lee, and James Newbill display some of the gift and care baskets that they prepared for the Helping Hand of Romulus and local families in need.



Wick and Cory elementary students, parents, and staff who worked on a clothing drive for less fortunate local families and the Helping Hand of Romulus included: (from left) front – Destiny Lytle, Ashley Lytle, Mickayla Lytle, Ashleigh Bennett, and Atae'ja Crawford; back – Sandy MacDonald (social worker), Andrew Wells-Wilkins, Donna Walton, and Mae Lytle.



Third-grade teachers Karen Terwilliger and Jessica Graham (back, left and right) organized Merriman Elementary's Mitten Tree effort, which garnered 220 items for the Helping Hand of Romulus. Donors included: (front, from left) Keilon Pope, Colin McWilliams, Johnny Toliver, Kelsea Green, Alex Turner, and Morgan Cooke. Also pictured is crossing guard Ruthie Green.

RHS Student Jamelah Todd Named Miss Junior Teen Detroit



Jamelah Todd

Romulus High School sophomore Jamelah Todd recently won first place in the Miss Junior Teen Detroit competition. She was selected from among 65 young ladies who were judged on criteria such as personality, poise, and interview responses.

Todd received \$7,000 in prizes and scholarships at the Miss Junior Teen Detroit event, according to district spokesperson Dick Kruse, and also received a \$545 scholarship and an expense-paid trip for herself and a parent to the National Cities of America Competition, which was held last month in Orlando, Florida.

Todd, who is new to this area, recently moved to Romulus from West Haven, Connecticut, along with her mother, Hazel Todd-Lyons, and her stepfather, Earl Lyons. Her teachers at RHS are very complimentary about her class work and high academic achievements.

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LEAGUE Representative Visits RES

An especially successful community-service effort at Romulus Elementary prompted the arrival of a very special visitor to the school. Kari Pardoe, Michigan coordinator of the new LEAGUE giving program, was pleased to be on hand for a recent assembly that celebrated Romulus Elementary's collection of 1,989 items of nonperishable food for local families in need.

RES principal Marjie McAnally welcomed Pardoe to the assembly, noting, "We are honored to have you at our school, and very pleased to offer you the 1,989 cans that our students worked so hard to collect."

McAnally also thanked parents in attendance for their assistance.

Afterward, Pardoe discussed the LEAGUE program (formerly known as "Learning to Give") with Romulus Community Schools spokesperson Dick Kruse.

"We now have offices in Lansing and Detroit, and currently have over 40 Michigan school districts competing for honors," she said. "We are also active in states such as New Jersey and Tennessee, and even have offices and programs in India."

"We are pleased with the positive effect we are having on children as they learn about philanthropy." □



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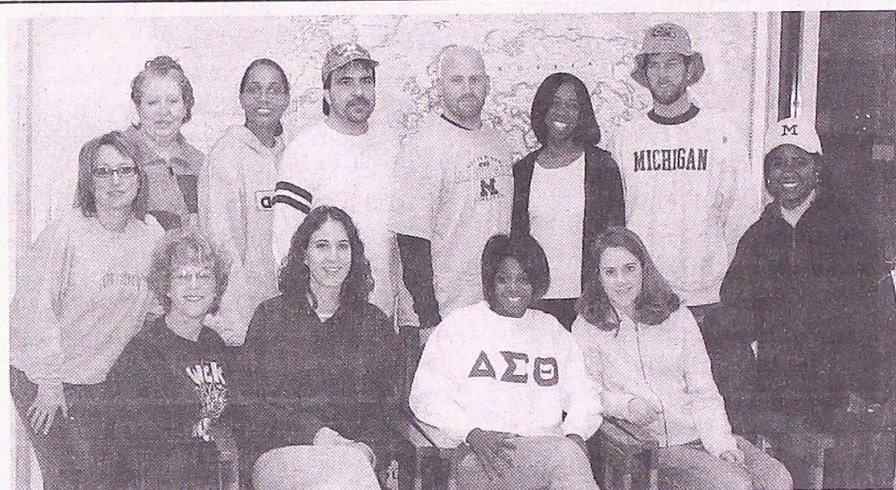
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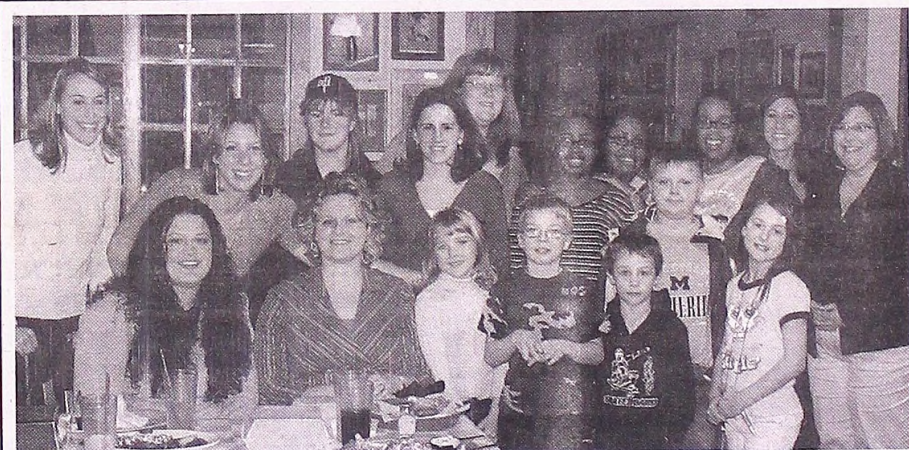
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Around the District



Wick Elementary principal ShaVonna Johnson (right) said her school looked great after receiving a Saturday "Extreme Makeover" session from teacher volunteers, including: (from left) front – Marilyn Wood, Stacey Mefford, Tavia Redmond, and Staci Alguire; back – Jennifer Richard, DeAnn Covert, Carrie Young, Chris Borowski, Anthony Holyszko, Karenza Fitch, and Thomas Gibb-Randall.



Among the Romulus Elementary students, parents, and teachers who attended a fund-raiser at the Taylor Fuddruckers for "Right Step," the school's second- and third-grade writing program, were: (from left) front – Pia Chasney (literacy coach), Angela Slavick (third-grade teacher), Machaela Burgess, David Brooks, Kenneth Green, Thomas Tregenza, Shyla Killen, and Julie Turos (resource teacher); back – Christy LaForest (second-grade teacher), Jessica Whalen (kindergarten teacher), Kelly Tregenza, Megan Harrison (third-grade teacher), Joni Burgess, Kasey Burgess, Jeri Burgess, Nicole Burgess, and Laurie Garden.



(From left) Cory Elementary principal Dorothy West presented students Madisyn Carter, Briana Woodford, and Julianna Blevins with certificates of achievement at one of her monthly "Cory's Best" assemblies.

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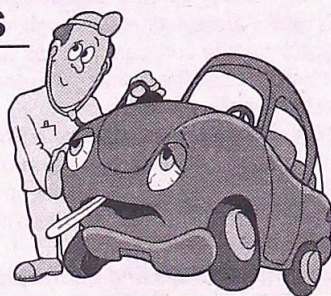
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- 6:13 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:05 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 7080 Niagara)

Friday, December 29

- 12:00 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 6350 Heyer)
- 1:19 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 30000 Spain)
- 8:23 a.m. – Larceny (block of 38000 Ecorse)
- 12:41 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9500 Biddle)
- 1:41 p.m. – UDAA (block of 13500 Huron River Dr.)
- 5:51 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 5940 Esther)
- 8:14 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:22 p.m. – Fight (block of 34000 Joan)

Saturday, December 30

- 12:08 a.m. – OUIL (block of 7100 Middlebelt)
- 12:41 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7950 Amber Dr.)
- 4:20 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 8:58 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 39100 Cherokee)
- 12:16 p.m. – JC/R (block of 28300 Leroy)
- 12:34 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:50 p.m. – Larceny (block of 35900 Bibbins)
- 1:52 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28500 N. Maple)
- 2:15 p.m. – JC/R (block of 36700 Neville)
- 2:46 p.m. – JC/R (block of 5950 Frederic)
- 7:51 p.m. – UDAA (block of 16100 Harrison)
- 9:02 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 16100 Oak Tree)
- 9:41 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 15700 Springhill)
- 10:55 p.m. – Fight (block of 6020 Washington)

Sunday, December 31

- 1:09 a.m. – Fight (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 6:15 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28500 Eureka)
- 8:22 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 28900 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 8:43 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 7030 Canyon)
- 9:09 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7040 Ball)
- 2:54 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7040 Ball)
- 5:32 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 37100 Menton)
- 6:39 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9300 Wayne)
- 7:01 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 9260 Chamberlain)
- 9:47 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 31800 Wick)
- 9:57 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 5870 Essex)
- 10:02 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 38900 Nottingham Dr.)
- 11:28 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 8800 Wickham)
- 11:45 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15400 Orchard)
- 11:50 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 11:59 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 10000 Sterling) □

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REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 11, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, December 11, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

12/06/1 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

12/06/2 Moved by Buckley, supported by White, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

There were no personnel actions.

Bills for Payment

12/06/3 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Ms. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bob Ebersole – MASB Policies

Mr. Bob Ebersole from the Michigan Association of School Boards gave an overview of By-Laws and Policy customization to the Board of Education. He stated that they have an online policy service through a company in Cincinnati, Ohio, and that they have online policy update services. Policies will be provided in draft, section by section, over a four-month period. The process is expected to be completed by the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

"My Friends & Me" Update – Sharman Spieser and Sherri Papazoglou

Mmes. Sharman Spieser and Sherri Papazoglou gave an update on Early Childhood Programs – i.e., MSRP (Michigan School Readiness Program), Latchkey (before-school care), and My Friends & Me (child care). Enrollment, costs, and revenues of programs were also discussed.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Thank You to Blue Ribbon Committee – Wick Elementary School; 2) Wick Elementary Newsletter; 3) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; 4) Romulus Elementary Newsletter; 5) Barth News; 6) The Merriman Star; 7) Band Boosters Fund-raiser Flyer; 8) Romulus High School Parent Newsletter; and 9) Center for Public Education Web Site Communication.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz stated that he was impressed with the Wick Elementary principal and staff with regard to their preparations for the Blue Ribbon project at Wick.

Mrs. Celeste Roscoe wished the students and families of Romulus safe holidays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

12/06/4 Moved by Buckley, supported by White, that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, White, and Roscoe. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

12/06/5 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, White, and Roscoe. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

12/06/6 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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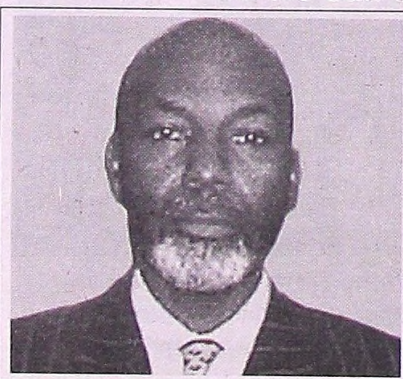
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Obituaries

June E. (Isenegger) Coak

June E. (Isenegger) Coak of Garden City, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at the age of 82.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Saturday, April 12, 1924.

Surviving June are 2 sons, Marvin (Romulus, MI) and Charles Coak (Inkster, MI); 4 brothers, Charles, Paul, Fred, and Robert Isenegger; 8 grandchildren;

8 great-grandchildren; and 4 step-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her husband, Marvin Coak; a brother, Jim Isenegger; and a sister, Marie (Isenegger) Rogers.

Burial was at Detroit Memorial Park West (Redford, MI). Arrangements were entrusted to John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home (Garden City).

Gloria Yolanda (May) Koger

Gloria Yolanda (May) Koger of Sumpter Township, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2006, at the age of 83.

The daughter of Egbert and Veronica May was born in River Rouge, Michigan, on Sunday, April 29, 1923.

Gloria became a member of Fews Memorial CME Church at a very early age. After graduating from high school, she attended Wayne State University.

On April 19, 1948, Gloria began her 50-year career with the Veterans Administration Medical Center (Allen Park, MI), where she started in the Communications and Records Division and later received promotions to other positions, including Librarian. One of her most

enjoyable duties were her weekly visits to the patient wards to deliver books and magazines.

Surviving Gloria are a son, Cecil Jr.; 2 sisters, Marjorie (Melvin) Bryant and Delores Turner; 2 brothers, Lloyd (Marlene) May and Ronald (Ruth) May; 6 grandchildren, Shamus, Cecil III, Rance, CC, Shane, and Diamond; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her husband, Cecil Koger, whom she married on February 4, 1961.

A funeral service was held on Friday, December 29, at Higginson & Neal Funeral Home (Belleville, MI). Interment was at United Memorial Gardens (Plymouth, MI).

Reverend David H. Walker

Reverend David H. Walker of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, December 28, 2006, at the age of 91.

The native of Hazlehurst, Georgia, was born on Monday, February 8, 1915.

David served in the United States Army during World War II, and received an honorable discharge. In 1959, he became an ordained minister at the First Baptist Church of Inkster, and was currently the associate minister (and a choir member) at the First Baptist Church of Romulus. He received a certificate from Detroit Bible College in 1974.

David's other community service efforts included involvement with the Romulus NAACP, the Romulus Senior Center, and the Romulus Beautification

Committee. He was also a member of the United Auto Workers.

Surviving David are his wife, Edna Mae (Atkins) Walker; 2 sons, David H. (Barbara) Walker, Jr. and Jonathan C. Walker; 2 daughters, Princess Anne Smith and Nell L. Walker; and 4 grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Jesse S. and Lulu (Smith) Walker; 2 brothers, Ernest L. and Herman A. Walker; and a sister, Etta Mae Mason.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at First Baptist Church, with Reverend Charles P. Woolridge officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). □

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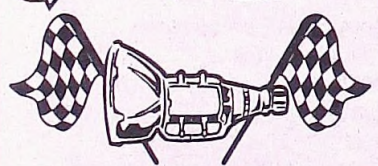
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